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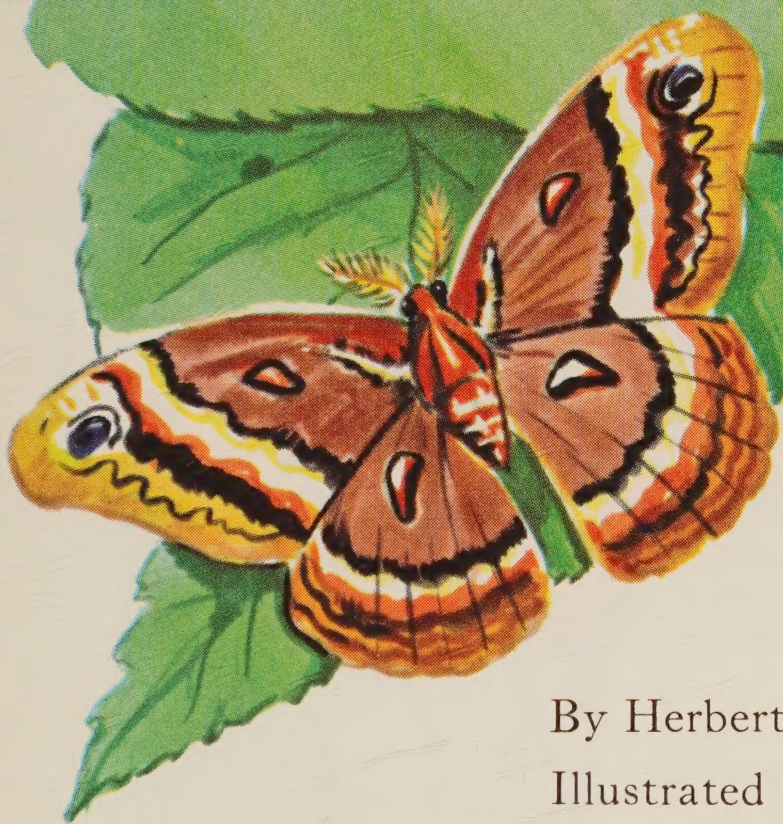
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THE BEAUTIFUL giant silk moth
settled on the green leaf of an
apple tree and laid a tiny egg.





A very small caterpillar began to grow inside the egg. It found plenty to eat there as the egg contained a tasty liquid.



In the warm weather the egg soon hatched. Out of it came a funny looking caterpillar which at once started eating the leaf of



the apple tree. Its mother had laid the egg there because she knew her baby would like the apple tree leaf.

The little caterpillar ate and
ate leaves of the apple tree and
other fruit trees and kept getting
too big for its skin.







Several times it had to shed or
get rid of its skin so it could grow
some more.





In time it became a *big* bright green caterpillar. It had strong jaws and six legs and a horn at the back of its body. It had brightly colored little knobs on its head.



During the lazy summer days the caterpillar moved about slowly finding plenty to eat. It seemed to enjoy life as a creature without wings, and unworried about not being able to fly.









But winter was coming and the caterpillar began to prepare for it. It began to weave a little home for itself on a twig. It spun silk, thread after thread and began to cover itself with a hard gray-brown cocoon.



Winter arrived. Bitter winds
blew and rains and snow fell.







Snug and safe inside its cocoon the caterpillar hardly seemed to be alive. Yet strange things were happening to it. It was changing little by little.

Finally spring came. The apple trees, maples, the wild cherries and the elms put out their leaves.







All nature came to life. The flowers budded and the grass grew. It was time for the creature inside the cocoon to come out into the world again.







So it came forth—this time in a beautiful and glorious way. At first it appeared as a big, wrinkled creature. But not for long.

It stretched
and stretched
until soon
what was once
the green
caterpillar
now changed
into a lovely
giant silk moth,



with brightly colored wings
about as big as this picture:

And it could fly!





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